

Taber-Wing House
Dover Plains, N. Y.

Dutchess County

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Owner and Occupant:

Mrs. Mae L. Connell

Date of Erection:

1820

Architect:

Unknown (probably the builder)

Builder:

Thomas Taber (or Tabor)

Present Condition:

Good

Number of Stories:

Two stories with basement and attic

Materials of Construction:

Foundation - Stone

Exterior walls - Siding

Interior walls - Wood stud and plaster

Floor - Wood

Roof - Shingle

Other Existing Records:

None

Additional Data:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Record:</u>	<u>Reference:</u>
1680	The region of Dover Plains was first settled by white men in 1680. It was in that year, 15 years after the Dutch relinquished control of these lands to the English, that King James II gave a patent to Robert "Sanders" (or Saunders) and M. Van Den Bogaerdt.	Reynolds, "Dutchess County Doorways"
1683	The County was named Dutchess in honor of the then Du/chess of York. The population was so small, however, that for 20 years the new county was like a dependency of Ulster County.	Ditto
1687	Patent for lands including Dutchess County was granted to Van Kleek and Ostromby by Robert Saunders and M. Van Den Bogaerdt.	Ditto
1711	Only a few families settled in these early years to in the locality which later became Dover Plains.	Letter from Walter B. Crane; also
1731	"The early settlers did not settle in the Valley, as the Valley was very swampy and undesirable. The early settlers made their homes on the high-land to the west and east, chiefly to the east. In the early 1800s, after the Valley wood had been cut and the swamp dried up, the settlers began moving from the East Mountain down into the Valley." The Preston family, for example, first settled on the East Mountain, and later moved into the Valley. Their descendants still live in Dover Plaine.	Reynolds, "Dutchess County Doorways"
1725	Large areas adapted for farming were opened up.	Reynolds
1750	The Village of Dover Plains did not exist in 1750, but the settlement was given that name.	Ditto
1802	The land there was simply woodland. Only 12 buildings were standing in the whole village.	Ditto
1803	Thomas Taber acquired property under the Will of his father, Job Taber, including the piece of land on which the house stands.	Ditto
1820	Thomas Tabor (or Taber) built the house and lived there.	Ditto
1830	Thomas Tabor died, but left no will.	Ditto
1832	October 18. Mahlan Wing bought this house and grounds from John M. Tabor and his wife, and	Liber 49 of Deeds, pp. 358-360


<u>Date:</u>	<u>Record:</u>	<u>Reference:</u>
1832 (cont'd)	Darius Sherman and his wife (Jane Tabor). Deed recorded Oct. 30, 1832, in County Register's Office, Poughkeepsie.	Liber 49 of Deeds, pp. 358-360
-	Mahlan Wing, who married Sally Tabor, Thomas Tabor's daughter, lived in this house for 40 years. The Wings had six children who later inherited an interest in the property. Theodore Wing, one of these children, acquired the other children's interest by securing quitclaim deeds at various times, namely, in 1856, 1859, 1864, 1869 and 1876, as follows (the names of the children being underscored):	Reynolds
1856	Daniel Wing sold his share to Theodore Wing. Deed recorded in same year.	Liber 109 of Deeds, p. 147
1859	George and <u>Jane Robson</u> sold their share to Theodore, and deed recorded.	Liber 112, p. 549
1864	<u>John N. Wing</u> and wife sold their share to Theodore; deed recorded.	Liber 128, p. 448
1869	<u>Ann W. Price</u> sold her share to him; deed recorded.	Liber 151, p. 487
1876	<u>Emeline Wing</u> sold his share to him; deed recorded.	Liber 242, p. 219
1870	Meanwhile, Sally Tabor Wing died, and Theodore Wing and wife continued to live in the house.	Reynolds
1914	September 6. Theodore Wing died. He willed the house to his wife, Mary Eliza- beth Young Wing.	-
1926	September. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Young Wing, widow of Theodore Wing and owner and occu- pant of the house, died. She willed the house to her daughter, Mrs. Iola Wing Crane.	-
1928	July 20. Mrs. Mae L. Connell bought the house and property from Mrs. Iola Wing Crane, daughter of Theodore Wing.	Liber 487, p. 349
1936	Mrs. Mae L. Connell remains owner and occu- pant of the house. The plot of ground measures 200 feet front and 150 feet deep.	

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This house has a number of individual characteristics which may be pointed out. The pitch of the roof 5-1/2 to 12 of both the main part and the wing is surprisingly low. All of the windows of the main part have quite elaborate cornices and there is even more elaboration in the details of the front entrance and the palladian window above it. The whole is crowned by a cornice which returns on itself at the corner and then is carried up the rake. All of these architectural members are characterized by the extreme smallness of the details. For example, the dentils of the main cornice are only 5/8 of an inch on centers.

One gets the impression that the house may have been built by a cabinet maker as all of the exterior detail is even finer than one might expect to find in the interior details. The latter are somewhat simpler than one might expect to find after seeing the exterior. For example, the stairway has the simplest possible rail and balusters.

The kitchen is now and probably always has been the room most lived in. The large fireplace is very inviting and has a stone hearth 9-1/2 feet long. There is a concealed stairway beside the fireplace leading up to a bedroom above.



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